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Senator Prague, Representative Ryan and members of the Labor and Public employees committee, my name is Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, which has over 900 affiliated local unions representing the working men and women from every one of our 169 cities and towns, and am here to testify in favor of the following bills.

S.B. No. 94 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PAYROLL CARDS FOR WAGE PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES. We support this legislation with the prescribed safe guards for employees such as a signed consent, the ability to withdraw their monies without fees and the ability to opt-in and opt-out. Without these protections we would oppose this legislation

H.B. NO. 5061 (RAISED) AN ACT ELIMINATING CREDIT REPORTS AS A BASIS FOR EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS. We support this legislation. This is common sense legislation, and is especially timely with the current economic situation. Nearly 33% of people have bad credit. Without this legislation these people may not be able to "right their ships". Your bills are late because you lost your job, now when you go to apply for a new job you're denied the new job because your credit is bad because you lost you're old one. This is the perfect vicious cycle.

This proposed legislation will help workers and their families all across this state, and we ask that you support this legislation.

Thank you to the Committee for holding this public hearing and if you have any question I'd be happy to address them.

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